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Preferably, the bottom edge 26a of the inner vertical wall 26, the bottom edge 20c of the top portion 20, and the bottom edge 22a of the clearance increasing portion 22 lie in a common plane, thereby defining an opening 32 through which the tire 30 can protrude, as shown in Figures 6 and 7. Alternatively, the bottom edge 24a of the outer vertical wall 24 can lie in the same plane as the other bottom edges 20c, 22a and 26a, or the bottom edges 24a, 20c, 22a and 26a can lie in two or more different planes.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A fender having a longitudinal midline, and a light housing mounted to said fender offset from said midline, said fender further comprising:

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- a) a top portion having a curved surface and opposed inner and outer edges, and wherein the light housing is attached to the curved surface of the top portion;
  - b) a clearance increasing portion depending downwardly from said inner edge of said top portion at a first non-zero acute angle in a first plane, wherein the light housing is offset from the midline in a direction away from the clearance increasing portion, and
  - c) an inner wall depending downwardly from said clearance increasing portion at a second non-zero acute angle in a second plane, wherein said top portion and said inner wall are oriented substantially perpendicularly, and wherein the first and second plane are non-coplanar.

28. (Thrice Amended) A fender having a longitudinal midline, said fender comprising:

a) a light housing mounted to said fender offset from said midline,  
b) a top portion having opposed inner and outer edges and a bottom edge, wherein said top portion is curved radially downwardly in a longitudinal direction,  
c) a clearance increasing portion having a bottom edge, said clearance increasing portion depending downwardly from said inner edge of said top portion at a non-zero acute angle in a first plane,

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d) an inner wall having a bottom edge, said inner wall depending downwardly from said clearance increasing portion at a non-zero acute angle in a second plane, wherein said top portion and said inner wall are oriented substantially perpendicularly, wherein the first and second planes are non-coplanar and wherein said angle formed by said top portion and said clearance increasing portion, and the angle formed by said clearance increasing portion and said inner wall add up to approximately 90°, and

e) an outer wall having a bottom edge, said outer wall depending downwardly from said outer edge of said top portion,

wherein said entire bottom edge of said clearance increasing portion, said entire bottom edge of said inner wall, said entire bottom edge of said top portion and said entire bottom edge of said outer wall all lie in a common plane.